

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SANA 00462 310518Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 IO-13 OMB-01 SSM-03 ACDA-12 TRSE-00
AID-05 DOE-11 SOE-02 HA-05 /121 W
-----096740 310727Z /17

R 301245Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY SANA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3686
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T SANA 0462

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, YE
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GHASHMI ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT GHASHMI EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT
RISE OF EXTREMIST PRESSURE IN WAKE OF POSSIBLE FAILURE OF
SADAT PEACE EFFORTS, WHILE URGING FULL AND QUICK U.S.
SUPPORT OF PEACE INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING JAN 30 CALL, PRESIDENT GHASHMI EMPHASIZED
SEVNRAL TIMES THE "NECESSITY" FOR FULL AND QUICK U.S.
SUPPORT OF SADAT'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN
ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THAT
EXTREMISTS IN THE AREA AIDED BY SOVIET UNION ARE ALREADY
TRYING TO CAPITALIZE ON WHAT SEEMS TO BE FAILURE OF
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS. AGREEING WITH ME THAT 30 YEARS
OF WAR CANNOT BE SETTLED IN THREE WEEKS, GHASHMI
EMPHASIZED THAT SADAT HAS GIVEN THE ISRAELIS AND
THE MODERATE ARABS A ONCE-IN-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SANA 00462 310518Z

WHICH IF NOTUSED WOULD NEVER COME AGAIN. GHASHMI
SAID THAT YEMEM SUPPORTS SADAT AND HOPES THAT US
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WILL ALSO DO THE SAME.

3. GHASHMI THEN NOTED THAT SADAT HAS GIVEN THE
ISRAELIS EVERYTHING THEY HAVE ALWAYS WANTED:
RECOGNITION, FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND FINALLY

THE PROMISE OF NORMAL RELATIONS FOLLOWING A
PEACE SETTLEMENT. GHASHMI SAID HE COULD NOT UNDER-
STAND WHAT MORE THE ISRAELIS WANT FROM THE ARABS.

GHASHMI STRESSED THAT IN RETURN FROM THESE ARAB
CONCESSIONS SADAT WILL HAVE TO GET BACK ALL THE
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 BY THE ISRAELIS.
GHASHMI ALSO STATED THAT WHILE THE PALESTINIAN
QUESTION IS THE CORE ISSUE OF THE PROBLEM, HE WAS
SURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO ASSURE THAT
ANY FUTURE PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD NOT BE A THREAT
TO ISRAEL.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING ME TO CONVEY TO THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE
EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS PRAYERS THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT DISAPPOINT SADAT.

5. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK WAS IN
SANA YESTERDAY, JAN 29, BRIEFING THE YEMENIS
ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. GHASHMI TOLD
ME THAT HE HAD A "GOOD" TALK WITH MUBARAK
WHO IN TURN TOLD HIM THAT THE NEXT MOVE WAS
UP THE U.S. IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM GHASHMI'S
COMMENTS TO ME THAT HE WAS ECHOING THE EGYPTIAN
LINE AS PRESENTED BY MUBARAK. NONETHELESS,
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 SANA 00462 310518Z

GHASHMI HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-
SOVIET BELIEFS AND HAS THUS BEEN WORRIED ABOUT
SOVIET AND EXTREMIST INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AND PARTICULARLY IN THE RED SEA REGION.
HIS CONCERN ABOUT SADAT'S FUTURE IS SHARED BY
OTHER MODERATE YEMENIS WHO FEAR THAT IF SADAT
IS OVERTHROWN, EXTREMIST PRESSURES WILL IMMEDIATELY
BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON YEMEN WHERE A STILL UNSTABLE
POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND
SUCH PRESSURE.
SCOTES

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, PEACE TALKS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978SANA00462
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780045-0770
Format: TEL
From: SANA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978017/aaaaafvi.tel
Line Count: 105
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f83efce3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3784696
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT GHASHMI ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS
TAGS: PEPR, MPOL, YE, EG, IS, XF, (AL-GHASHMI, AHMED)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f83efce3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014